Decline in Port Traffic

286. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGARAHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a steep decline in port traffic during the last year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the extent to which ports have been affected by the decline in traffic;

(d) whether large number of workers employed in the ports are being retrenched; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard; port-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir. There has been no retrenchment.

(e) Does not arise.

Classification of Cities in Bihar

287. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of cities declared as 'A', 'B-1', 'B-2' and 'C' in Bihar;

(b) the purpose, other than determination of HRA/CCA to Central Government employees, of the system of classification in terms of outlay for urban development; and

(c) the names of cities and town in Bihar which have been included under any scheme of urban development for the year 1991-92 and brief particulars of the schemes and the outlay thereon, city-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) A list of cities classified as 'A', 'B-1', 'B-2' and 'C' in the state of Bihar for the purposes of House Rent Allowance and Compensatory (City) Allowance is given in the enclosed. Statement.

(b) and (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

List of 'A', 'B-1', 'B-2' and 'C' Class Cities in Bihar for the purposes of House Rent Allowance and Compensatory (City) Allowance.

'A' CLASS

'Nil'

'B-1' CLASS

1. Patna

'B-2' CLASS

1. Jamshedpur
2. Ranchi
3. Dhanbad (only for CCA)

'C' CLASS

1. Arrah
2. Barauni
3. Begusarai